

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes – Monday, July 21, 2003

Chairman Dwyer called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Chairman James Dwyer, County Board Supervisors Patricia Haukohl, Kenneth Herro, Walter Kolb, Richard Manke, Duane Paulson and Duane Stamsta. Supervisor Manke arrived at 9:03 a.m. due to attendance at another county meeting.

Also Present: Chief of Staff Lee Esler, Legislative Policy Advisor Dave Krahn, Office Services Coordinator Donna Simmert and Office Services Coordinator Windy Jicha.

Correspondence

Chairman Dwyer reviewed and passed out the list of correspondence. He said Supervisors should let Jicha know if they want copies of the listed items.

Discuss and Consider Ordinance 158-O-035: Authorize the Waukesha County University of Wisconsin Extension Office to Accept Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Funds and to Authorize Additional Expenditure Appropriations for the Costs Involved in Increasing Environmental Awareness and Providing Education on Environmentally Sound Yard Practices to Waukesha County Neighborhoods

MOTION: Haukohl moved, Stamsta second to approve 158-O-035: Authorize the Waukesha County University of Wisconsin Extension Office to Accept Wisconsin Environmental Education Board Funds and to Authorize Additional Expenditure Appropriations for the Costs Involved in Increasing Environmental Awareness and Providing Education on Environmentally Sound Yard Practices to Waukesha County Neighborhoods.

Simmert said this ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant award of \$4,679 from the Wisconsin Environmental Education Board to increase environmental awareness and provide education on environmentally sound yard practices to bilingual Waukesha County neighborhoods. The ordinance modifies the Waukesha County University of Wisconsin Extension 2003 budget by increasing the intergovernmental grant revenue by \$4,679, personnel costs appropriation by \$3,082 for temporary extra help and operating expense appropriation by \$1,597 for costs associated with this grant. Grant revenues will fund \$3,082 or 260 hours (0.125 FTE) in temporary extra help horticulture assistant services, \$500 in contracted third party translator services and \$1,097 in program supplies and expenses totaling \$4,679. There is a 25% match requirement associated with this grant. A total match of \$4,379 is provided, which includes \$1,495 in existing budgeted county tax levy support for the UW- Extension academic and administrative staff and \$2,884 in a state UW-Extension grant and in-kind contributions to the project.

Kolb said he could not possibly vote for this ordinance until he sees hard facts showing these programs are working. He said he wants to see an unbiased report showing how all these programs in the Haertel Fields and Phoenix Heights neighborhoods is working.

Herro said he agrees with Kolb. He cannot support this ordinance in good faith without seeing some kind of report showing that these programs are working.

Stamsta said whatever we can do to help people in the community who are first time homeowners, will help enhance the community and build pride in it.

ON THE MOTION: Motion carried: 4-2 (Kolb and Herro voted no).

Approve Minutes of June 16, 2003

MOTION: Herro moved, Haukohl second, to approve the minutes of June 16, 2003. **Motion carried:** 6-0.

Meeting Approvals

MOTION: Haukohl moved, Stamsta second, to approve attendance for the Executive Committee at the County Executive's Town Hall budget meetings. **Motion carried:** 6-0.

Supervisor Manke arrived at 9:03 a.m. He was attending to other county business.

WCA Report

Dwyer said Mark O'Connell is confident the governor will veto the property tax freeze. The next board of directors meeting is in Manitowoc, WI on August 15. WCA is continuing to work in the capital with Partners in Local Government.

Committee and Staff Members Report on Attendance at the National Association of Counties Convention Held in Milwaukee, July 12 – 15

Esler said he attended a workshop at the convention on linking childcare with human development. He learned that childcare is one of the biggest service sector industries. Industries want to be located in communities that have 24/7 child care centers for employees. Esler said he attended a session on managing critical human resources and found Waukesha County is positioned well. The session focused on workplace violence. Phil Rosenberg was the speaker and his basic messages were "don't walk by something wrong" and be observant enough to intervene. Esler said he attended a session on community health centers with presenters from an Illinois County with the highest per capita in Illinois. He learned that health centers are eligible to receive up to \$600,000 in federal funds. Esler heard a presentation from an employee from Putnam Funds questioning where is the economic rebound. Lastly, Esler said Frank Abingnail, the general session speaker, impressed him. The movie, Catch Me if You Can, is based on Abingnail's life.

Dwyer said he attended sessions titled; Build your Toolkit for Business Retention and Expansion and Rural Strategies and Economic Trends. Next he went to a membership committee meeting of which he is the chair. The membership committee will no longer be an ad hoc committee but is now a permanent committee. He attended a transportation steering committee meeting and a session given by the Los Angeles County Sheriff and describing a day in his life. Dwyer said he attended the Feast with the Beast at the Zoo, the sock hop and Chairman Holloway's Saturday evening event in Mequon.

Manke said he thought Tommy Thompson presented well and the best crowd was at the zoo.

Haukohl said she attended the Business Retention workshop. She attended a session on protecting water resources. She said WCA is facing the issue of smart growth and issuing a position. On July 30, a panel will come together to talk about smart growth and good planning.

Paulson said he heard Tommy Thompson and the Secretary of Agriculture speak and attended seminars on building your toolkit, NACo contracts, energy efficiency and legal wars. Paulson said he helped setup at the zoo and thought it was fun talking to the Milwaukee County staff and finding out how things work.

The committee took a ten-minute break.

Legislative Update

Krahn handed out the 2003 State Legislation spreadsheet dated July 21, 2003 and reviewed the highlights. Krahn discussed the progress of the following bills: AJR 10, AJR 15, AB50, AB54, AB61, AB133, AB136, AB198, AB82, AB243, AB255, AB271, AB306, AB307, AB361, AB435, SB12, SB15, SB44, SB71 SB72 and SB101.

Krahn said AB50 and AB54 are two bills Waukesha County wants and he is working to get these bills moving. Parts of AB 61 or the entire bill could be vetoed. The bill is waiting for the governor's signature. Krahn said he wants to see AB198 move forward. This child support bill is a small bill that won't cost the state any money but it will make it easier for the county to provide services. He said that when he brought AB306 to the attention of District Attorney Paul Bucher, he was very angry. Krahn said Bucher said this is one of those things legislators like to do but do not understand the full impact it will have on the criminal justice system. If this bill passes, Bucher would need more district attorneys on his staff. AB435 was just introduced this morning and it repeals Smart Growth. SB44 is the budget bill and will probably be signed on Wednesday. SB71 and SB72 deal with mental health parity legislation. The focus of this bill is having health insurance coverage for mental health conditions just the same as physical illness. Waukesha County hasn't taken a formal position on this issue yet but it needs to. The Health and Human Services Committee, Department of Administration and the Department of Health and Human Services have been asked to bring forth information on this issue.

Krahn said there is legislation that may be introduced that states that counties will take care of paying for public defenders and in a few years the state will take over these fees. The courts staff has reviewed this bill. This bill could also change the definition of indigence in Wisconsin and in turn reduce the cost of public defenders. Representative Vrakas is supporting legislation that will allow counties to swap land with landowners.

Discuss and Consider the 2003 Wisconsin Counties Resolution Process

Krahn passed out a list of the 2003 Wisconsin Counties Resolutions. This list includes markings and a key that indicates staff recommendations for these resolutions. Krahn said the shaded ones are not appropriate for consideration because they do not affect all counties. He looked at whether or not a resolution is of statewide concern and whether it dealt with countywide issues. Krahn said he pulled out the resolutions that had already "expired." For internal purposes, he attempted to put some rhyme and reason to the resolutions in order to make working with them easier. Krahn recommends bringing forward for consideration by the entire county board the nine to ten resolutions on the handout that are not shaded or not in italics.

MOTION: Herro moved, Haukohl second, to direct Dave Krahn to draft a resolution that will include the following WCA resolutions: 2, 5-11, 16, 17 and 27, for consideration by the full board. **Motion carried:** 7-0.

Committee Reports

Public Works – Manke said the committee heard an update from the transit provider Bob Johnson. The transit provided has raised some fares. The City of Waukesha Mayor approved both the contract and the para-transit contract. The transit budget is odd because the City of Waukesha is secondary to the county actions already in place. They can increase fees or decrease services to fit the budget Waukesha County sets. The budget controls the services.

Personnel – Paulson said the committee dealt with the supervisor pay issue. They looked at per diems and deemed they were not in anyone's interest. Paulson said he hopes that when the board considers this issue, it will be taken care of. They also dealt with the ordinance for Sheriff's Deputies, deadly force and the payment of attorney's fees.

Paulson said he attended the 50th anniversary of the Korean War Ceremony at the Waukesha County Fair. One of the County Board Supervisors had asked for disabled veterans to be driven to the bandstand for the ceremony and the veterans were grateful

Finance - Haukohl said the committee reviewed the ordinance on the deadly force issue at the last meeting. Treasurer Reeves presented on properties and the sale of tax delinquent properties. Haukohl said currently there is no procedure in place to dealing with the sale of tax delinquent properties but Reeves is working to develop a procedural checklist for the process. Reeves also wants to write a better description of the process

for supervisors. The committee reviewed the contract procurement on the GIS support services. She will be attending the WCA audit committee on Friday.

Land Use – Kolb said the committee had a presentation from Register of Deeds Hasslinger on Optical Character Recognition and scanning documents to improve productivity. Kolb said Hasslinger indicated that his department is about six weeks behind on documentation completion. They are doing the best they can under busy the circumstances.

Motion to Adjourn

MOTION: Stamsta moved, Kolb second, to adjourn the meeting. **Motion carried: 7-0.** Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Duane E. Paulson
Secretary